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CLAIMS:

- 1. Method for heating a substrate and a coating on said substrate comprising applying on the coating a susceptor element, wherein said susceptor and substrate are inductively heatable, and inductively energizing the element and substrate to cause said substrate and coating to be heated.
- 2. Method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a heat insulation material is provided on an outer side of the susceptor element.
- 3. Method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a inner heat insulation material is interposed between the susceptor element and the coating.
- 4. Method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the inner insulation material includes a release layer.
- 5. Method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the susceptor is perforate or foraminous.
- 6. Method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the susceptor element provides an open circuit.
- 7. Method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the susceptor element provides a closed circuit.
 - 8. Method of repairing an opening in a coating on a substrate comprising heating said coating employing a heating method as claimed in any of claim 1 to heat the coating before applying a patch.
 - 9. Method as claimed in claim 8 comprising heating said

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coating to at least an activation temperature for said patch or for a coating on said patch.

- 10. Method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the substrate is a tubular article and the susceptor element is curved to conform to a surface curvature of the article.
- joint between tubular substrates each having a mainline coating, comprising heating said substrates and coatings employing a heating method as claimed in claim 1 before applying said coating or covering.
 - 12. Method as claimed in claim 11 wherein said covering comprises a heat shrink sleeve and said heating method comprises heating each mainline coating adjacent the weld joint, and wherein each susceptor element comprises a band form element applied around the girth of the mainline coating of the tubular substrate adjacent the weld joint.
 - 13. Method as claimed in claim 12 including heating each coating and substrate adjacent the weld joint to at least an activation temperature for the sleeve or for a coating on the sleeve.
 - 14. Method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the coating comprises polyolefin.
 - 15. Method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the polyolefin is polypropylene.